

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A holder structure to be used as a cassette of a cassette type stapler, comprising:

a holder member including a top side portion, a bottom side portion, a right side portion, a left side portion, a front side portion and a back side portion; and a staple guide member extending in the inside of said holder member in the axial direction of said holder member,

wherein areas of the top side portion define surfaces and areas of the bottom side portion define voids corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining surfaces, and areas of the top side portion define voids and areas of the bottom side portion define surfaces corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining voids

~~wherein, in case the sections of X Y directions of a portion forming said top side portion, a portion forming said bottom side portion, a portion forming said right side portion, a portion forming said left side portion, a portion forming said front side portion, a portion forming said back side portion and a portion forming said staple guide member are projected in one virtual plane in the X Y directions, the section of one portion in the X Y directions and the section of another portion in the X Y directions are absent over each other in a Z direction.~~

2. (Currently amended) A holder structure to be used as a cassette of a cassette type stapler, comprising: a holder member including a top side portion, a bottom side portion, a right side portion, a left side portion, a front side portion and a back side portion; and a holder spring engaging member,

wherein areas of the top side portion define surfaces and areas of the bottom side portion define voids corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining surfaces, and areas of the top side portion define voids and areas of the bottom side portion define surfaces corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining voids

wherein, in the sections of X-Y directions of a portion forming said top side portion, a portion forming said bottom side portion, a portion forming said right side portion, a portion forming said left side portion, a portion forming said front side portion, a portion forming said back side portion and a portion forming holder spring engaging member, the section of one portion in the X-Y directions and the section of another portion in the X-Y directions are absent over each other in a Z direction.

3. (Currently amended) A holder structure to be used as a cassette of a cassette type stapler, as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

a staple guide member extending in the inside of said holder member in the axial direction of said holder member,

the staple guide member being formed as upwardly extending extensions of selected ones of said areas of said bottom side portion defining surfaces corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining voids, said upwardly extending extensions aligning with selected areas of the top side portion defining voids

wherein all the members are made integral, and

wherein in the section of the X-Y directions of a portion forming said staple guide member, the section of a portion forming said staple guide member in the X-Y directions and the section of said another portion in the X-Y directions are absent over each other in a Z direction.

4. (Original) A holder structure as set forth in claim 3, characterized by comprising a spring guide inside of said holder structure.

5. (Currently amended) A cassette for a cassette type stapler, characterized by comprising:

a holder structure to be used as a cassette of a cassette type stapler including:

a holder member having a top side portion, a bottom side portion, a right side portion, a left side portion, a front side portion and a back side portion; a holder spring engaging member; and a staple guide member extending in the inside of said holder member in the axial direction of said holder member, wherein all the members are made integral, and

wherein areas of the top side portion define surfaces and areas of the bottom side portion define voids corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining surfaces, and areas of the top side portion define voids and areas of the bottom side portion define surfaces corresponding to said areas of the top side portion defining voids;

~~wherein, in the sections of X-Y directions of a portion forming said top side portion, a portion forming said bottom side portion, a portion forming said right side portion, a portion forming said left side portion, a portion forming said front side portion, a portion forming said back side portion, a portion forming said holder spring engaging member, and a portion forming said staple guide member, the section of one portion in the X-Y directions and the section of another portion in the X-Y directions are absent over each other in a Z-direction;~~

a feeder member including a feeder spring engaging member; and

a spring engaging at its one end with said holder spring engaging member and at its other end with said feeder spring engaging member.

6. (Original) A cassette as set forth in claim 5, characterized by comprising staples pushed forward by said feeder member to slide along said staple guide.

7. (Previously presented) A cassette as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that the spring is a tension spring.

8. (Original) A cassette as set forth in claim 7, characterized in that said holder structure has a spring guide, and in that said spring engages with said spring guide between said one end and said other end to have a U-letter shape.

9. (Previously presented) A cassette as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that the spring is a push spring.
10. (Previously presented) A cassette as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that said staple guide member supports the top backs of the staples.
11. (Previously presented) A cassette as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that said staple guide member supports the leading ends of the legs of the staples.
12. (New) The cassette as set forth in claim 1, wherein the holder member is operably configured to be monolithically formed as a single molded piece from a two-part mold.
13. (New) The cassette as set forth in claim 2, wherein the holder structure is operably configured to be monolithically formed as a single molded piece from a two-part mold.